

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Wheat 2014



- 12,470,000 bushels produced in 2014 in Mississippi.
 - 1,247 farms grew wheat in 2014.
 - \$67 million value of production in 2014.
 - The United States produces nearly 2.4 billion bushels of wheat yearly.
 - Wheat is normally planted between mid October and late November and is harvested about the first week of June.
 - The flour made from wheat is used for making breads, crackers, pastas, cakes, and pastries.
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- A bushel of wheat weighs about 60 pounds.
 - A single bushel of wheat could produce a 1,080 oz. box of cereal
 - The classification of wheat grown in Mississippi is soft red winter wheat, and it is used mainly for making flour used in cakes, pastries and flat breads.
 - In the United States, one acre of wheat yields an average of around 40 bushels of wheat.
 - About half of the wheat grown in the United States is used domestically.
 - Wheat was first planted in the United States in 1777 as a hobby crop.
 - Wheat originated in the “cradle of civilization” in the Tigris and Euphrates river valley, near what is now Iraq.

**Source: Mississippi State University, America’s Farmers, & National
Association of Wheat Growers**

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